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draft resolution**

Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Considering the importance of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, an intergovernmental organization dedicated to promoting and conserving the equitable use of natural resources, whose 75 State members are ultimately responsible for all its decision-making,

Considering also the need, frequently noted by the United Nations, to promote and support every effort towards the conservation of nature through equitable and ecologically sustainable use of natural resources, and the important service to sustainable development provided by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources,

Taking into account that the main objective of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources is to influence, encourage and assist the international community in conserving the integrity and diversity of nature and ensuring that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources,

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1. *Decides* to invite the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources to participate in the sessions and work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.